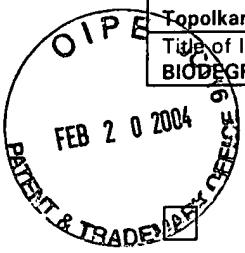


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Serial No. 09/840,754	Filing Date April 23, 2001	Examiner Ferguson	Group Art Unit 1774
Inventor(s) Topolakaraev et al.			
Title of Invention BIODEGRADABLE FILMS HAVING ENHANCED DUCTILITY AND BREATHABILITY			



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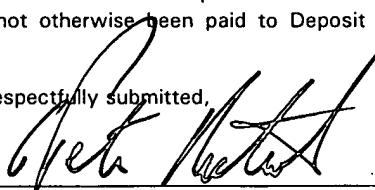
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In response to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2003, please reconsider the application.